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E.O. 1162: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PLO, SY

SUBJ: MUHSEN REFUSAL ACCOMPANY ARAFAT TO MOSCOW

REF: BEIRUT 5452, 5517 AND 5748

1. LOCAL SOURCE WITH CLOSE TIES TO PALESTINIANS TOLD EMBOFF MAY 7 THAT MUHSEN'S REFUSAL TO ACCOMPANY ARAFAT TO MOSCOW REFLECTED "PERSONAL DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN TWO LEADERS. SOURCE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY TALKED WITH PLO NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALID AL-FAHHUM WHO TOLD HIM THAT MUHSEN WAS TIRED OF BEING LED AROUND BY ARAFAT AND BEING TOLD WHEN HE COULD ACCOMPANY ARAFAT AND WHEN HE COULD NOT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, FAHHUM STATED THAT MUHSEN-ARAFAT DISPUTE WAS PERSONAL AND DID NOT REFLECT SYRIAN-SOVIET POLICY DISAGREEMENT.

2. NORMALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATIC AND FONMINISTRY SOURCES CONFESS IGNORANCE OF REASONS WHICH BROUGHT MUHSEN TO WITHDRAW FROM PLO MOSCOW DELEGATION. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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NO ONE HERE BELIEVES HE DID SO ON INSTRUCTIONS

FROM SARG.
MURPHY

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